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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/458,299; Filed: December 10, 1999

For: Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to HER2/neu Using Peptide and

Nucleic Acid Compositions

Inventors: FIKES et al.

Our Ref: 2060.0140000/HCC/J-H

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under § 1.111;
- 2. Exhibit A;
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (PTO/SB/22);
- 4. Original Declaration, executed by inventors;
- 5. Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of 1020.00 to cover: \$1020.00 Three month Extension of Time; and
- 6. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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